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I. COMPLETED PROJECTS
(May 11, 1953 - May 18, 1953)

1. ELIGIBILITY OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO
RECEIVE CLASSIFIED U.S. SECURITY INFORMATION
(NSC Action No. 785; Memo for NSC, April 24, 1953)
2. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO
SWITZERLAND
(NSC Action No. 789; Progress Report dated April 22, 1953,
by the Acting Secretary of State on NSC 119)

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II. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

A. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON AGENDA FOR THE 145TH NSC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1953 (Agenda dated May 15, 1953)

1. SIGNIFICANT WORLD DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING U.S. SECURITY

The subject is scheduled for discussion in the light of an oral briefing by the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. A VOLUNTEER FREEDOM CORPS

(NSC 143 and 143/1; Memo for Planning Board, April 21, 1953; NSC Action No. 724; Memo for NSC, February 23 and May 15, 1953)

Origin: In a memo to the Executive Secretary of NSC, February 14, 1953, (NSC 143) the President outlined a proposal for a "Volunteer Freedom Corps", and requested that it be scheduled for early study by the Council. The Council approved in principle the proposal and agreed that an ad hoc committee should study its feasibility and prepare a detailed plan for its effectuation for Council consideration (NSC Action No. 724).

Current Status: A draft statement of policy on the subject prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee on NSC 143 and contained in NSC 143/1 is scheduled for consideration.

3. ANALYSIS OF POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA

(NSC 147; NSC Action Nos. 759-777-e, 782 and 787; NSC 118/2; Memo for NSC, subject, "Future Courses of Action in Connection with the Situation in Korea", March 30, 1953; NIE-80; SE-41)

Origin: Report on the subject prepared by the NSC Planning Board in the light of the estimate of the JCS transmitted by the reference memo of March 30, was submitted as NSC 147 for the consideration of the Council.

Current Status: The alternative courses of action set forth in the reference report by the NSC Planning Board on the subject (NSC 147) are scheduled for further consideration in the light of an oral briefing by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on their choice of the most advantageous course for the United States to adopt.

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4. NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN
(NSC 72/6; NSC Action No. 786; Memo for NSC, May 11, 1953)

Origin: The Council at its meeting on May 13, after discussing the subject, agreed that the Secretary of Defense: (1) should be given the opportunity of studying this matter further, including the possibility of realizing some compensating savings in other Air Force programs as a result of the proposed action; (2) if he is convinced after such study that the recommended action on this subject contained in the reference memorandum (amended at the meeting) is a desirable program, should so advise the Secretary of State, who would thereupon be authorized to proceed with the negotiations after discussion with the appropriate committees of Congress; and (3) should report the action taken to the National Security Council at its next meeting. (NSC Action No. 786-b)

Current Status: A report by the Secretary of Defense on the subject pursuant to NSC Action No. 786-b is scheduled to be noted.

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B. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY MEMORANDUM ACTION

1. SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT
(Memo for NSC, May 11, 1953)

Origin: Executive Order 10450, dated April 27, 1953.

Current Status: The Vice President, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Acting Director for Mutual Security and the Director of Defense Mobilization have approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 3 of the reference memo. Awaiting action by the others concerned.

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C. ITEMS AWAITING SUBSEQUENT NSC CONSIDERATION

1. SUMMARY EVALUATION OF THE NET CAPABILITY OF THE USSR TO INFLECT DIRECT INJURY ON THE UNITED STATES (UP TO JULY 1, 1955)

(NSC 140; Memos for NSC, subject, "A Project to Provide a More Adequate Basis for Planning for the Security of the United States", June 5, July 17 and 30, August 30, 1951, and October 21, November 21, 25, 26, 1952; Memo for NSC, subject, "Summary Evaluation of the Net Capability of the USSR to Injure the Continental United States", November 25, 1952; NSC Action Nos. 519, 543, 687 and 699; SE-14)

Origin: The Council on November 26, 1952 (NSC Action No. 687-a) received a summary evaluation of the net capability of the USSR to injure the Continental United States (reference memos of October 21 and November 25) prepared pursuant to NSC directive (reference memo of August 30, 1951). A directive prepared by the Director of Central Intelligence pursuant to NSC Action No. 687-b, to provide the basis for a more adequate evaluation was concurred in by the Council, approved by the President on January 19, and issued as NSC 140.

Current Status: The report of the Special Evaluation Subcommittee prepared pursuant to NSC 140 is being circulated as NSC 140/1, and is tentatively scheduled for Council consideration on May 27.

2. ARMAMENTS AND AMERICAN POLICY

(NSC 151; Memo for Senior NSC Staff of February 4; NSC Action No. 725)

Origin: The NSC, on February 25, 1953, after discussing recommendations of the Department of State Panel of Consultants on Disarmament contained in the report on the subject (reference memo of February 4), referred the report to the Senior NSC Staff, directing it, with the assistance of Dr. Vannevar Bush, to report back to the Council on possible means of carrying out the recommendations (NSC Action No. 725).

Current Status: An interim report on the subject prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee on Armaments and American Policy of the NSC Planning Board and considered and concurred in by the Planning Board has been submitted to the Council as NSC 151 and is tentatively scheduled for Council consideration on May 27. NSC 151 relates to

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possible means of carrying out Recommendation One by the Department of State Panel of Consultants on Disarmament. Also awaiting report by the Ad Hoc Committee on Armaments and American Policy on other recommendations made by the Panel of Consultants.

3. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN

(NSC 125/5 and 125/4; NSC Action Nos. 660 and 761; NSC 125/2; Annex to NSC 125/1; NSC 125/3 and Annex to 125/3; Memos for NSC, August 7, 1952 and April 27, 1953; NIE-52)

Origin: In connection with the President's approval of NSC 125/2, he directed that the general structure of a U.S. program to implement the courses of action enumerated in paragraph 7 thereof should, where suitable, be explored by the Department of State in consultation with the Departments of Defense and Commerce, the Office of the Director for Mutual Security, the Office of Defense Mobilization and other appropriate agencies, and that the main elements of such a program should be reported back to the Council at the earliest possible time (reference memo of August 7).

Current Status: Revision of NSC 125/4 prepared by the Planning Board pursuant to NSC Action No. 761-a, to take account of the question of the long-term viability of the economy of Japan deprived of the raw materials and markets of the Chinese mainland has been submitted to the Council as NSC 125/5. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration on May 27.

4. UNITED STATES POLICIES IN THE FAR EAST

(NSC 148; NSC Action Nos. 758 and 777-d(2); Memo for NSC, subject, "Cost Estimates of United States Policies in the Far East", April 21, 1953; Memo for All Holders of April 21 memo dated April 23, 1953; NSC 48/5; NIE-47; Memo for NSC, April 30, 1953)

Origin: Draft statement of policy on the subject, prepared by the Planning Board, was submitted for Council consideration as NSC 148, together with a Far East Financial Summary and an annex constituting an NSC Staff study on Communist China.

Current Status: Awaiting further study by the Council of NSC 148.

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5. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO FORMOSA AND THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA (NSC 146 and Annex to NSC 146; NSC Action Nos. 760, 624; NSC 128, 48/5; SE-29; NIE-27/1; Memos for NSC, April 6 and 7, 1953)

Origin: The Council on April 2 directed the NSC staff, after preliminary discussion by State, Defense and CIA, to prepare a report for Council consideration in the light of a review of NSC 48/5, insofar as it pertains to U.S. policy toward Formosa, the Chinese Nationalist Government, and other anti-communist Chinese forces and in the light of the views of the JCS, contained in NSC 128 (NSC Action No. 624-b).

Current Status: Awaiting further study by the Council of NSC 146 as amended by the reference memo of April 6.

6. THE USE OF RADIO AS A MEDIUM FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS AND THE IMPACT OF ITS USE ON NATIONAL SECURITY (Memos for NSC, March 26 and May 13, 1953; SE-38; NSC Action Nos. 612 and 710; NSC 137, 137/1, 66/1; Memo for NSC, subject, "The Need for Immediate Review and Later Establishment of National Policy on the Use of Radio as a Medium for Psychological Operations and the Impact of its Use on National Security", February 5, 1953; Memos for NSC, subject, "Intelligence Support for the Voice of America with Regard to Soviet Jamming", January 2, February 26 and 29, 1952; Memo for NSC, subject, "Potential Soviet Attack on our Essential Communications Systems and Organizations", January 26, 1951)

Origin: At the request of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, his memorandum and its attached report by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the subject were transmitted as NSC 137 for consideration by the Council of the recommendations contained in the second and third paragraphs of the memorandum.

Current Status: Reports by the President's Committee on International Information Activities (reference memo of March 26), the Telecommunications Advisor to the President (reference memo of May 13) and CIA (SE-38), prepared pursuant to NSC Action No. 710, will be scheduled on the agenda of an early Council meeting.

7. INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT FOR THE VOICE OF AMERICA WITH REGARD TO SOVIET JAMMING
(Progress Report dated April 13, 1953 by the Acting Secretary of State on Pilot Operation of Paragraph 3-b of NSC 66/1)

Origin: The reference Progress Report has been circulated for the information of the Council.

Current Status: To be scheduled on the agenda of an early Council meeting.

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III. CURRENT NSC PLANNING BOARD PROJECTS

1. U.S. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD WHICH MAY AFFECT THE WAR POTENTIAL OF THE SOVIET BLOC
(NSC Action No. 738; NSC 104/2, 91/1, 122/1; Memos for NSC Planning Board, March 30, April 24, and May 8, 1953; Records of Meetings of Planning Board, April 24 and May 11, 1953; Progress Report, dated January 19, 1953, by the Secretary of State and the Director for Mutual Security on NSC 104/2)

Origin: The Council on March 18, 1953 directed the NSC Planning Board, with the participation of the Department of Commerce, to review the existing policy on this subject (NSC 104/2) and submit appropriate recommendations for Council consideration (NSC Action No. 738).

Current Status: A draft report on the subject (reference memo of May 8), including a discussion and appraisal of alternative courses of action, prepared by the Acting Chairman of the Economic Defense Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and the NSC Staff in accordance with the agreement at the Planning Board meeting on April 24 is scheduled for further consideration by the Planning Board on May 18.

2. UNITED STATES POLICY ON SOVIET AND SATELLITE DEFECTORS
(NSC 86/1; Progress Reports on NSC 86/1 dated May 28 and September 20, 1951, and July 11, 1952; Memo for NSC Planning Board, May 4, 1953)

Origin: A memorandum by the PSB Adviser, recommending Planning Board review of certain aspects of NSC 86/1, and enclosing a draft amendment to NSC 86/1 was transmitted by the reference memo for consideration by the Planning Board.

Current Status: Scheduled for consideration by the Planning Board on May 18.

3. REVIEW OF BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY
(NSC 149/2, 20/4, 68/2, 135/3, 141; Memo for NSC, February 6, 1953; NSC Action No. 776-b; Records of Meetings of NSC Planning Board, May 1, 13 and 15, 1953; "Outline of Basic National Security Policy", dated April 29, 1953; Memos for NSC Planning Board, May 7, 1953; "Suggestions of the ODM for Changes in Planning Board 'Outline of Revised Basic National Security Policy'", dated April 29, 1951; Memos for NSC Planning Board, May 13, 15 and 18, 1953)

Origin: At its meeting on April 28 in connection with its action on NSC 149/1 the Council directed the Planning Board to prepare for Council consideration a revised report on

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basic national security policies, based on Part I of NSC 149/1 as amended and adopted (subsequently issued as NSC 149/2), and covering all national security programs, to supersede NSC 20/4, 68/2, and 135/3 (NSC Action No. 776-b).

Current Status: Draft reports on the subject prepared by the Board Assistants pursuant to the agreement of the Planning Board at meetings on May 8 and 11 (Reference memos dated May 13 and 14) are scheduled for further consideration by the Planning Board on May 18, in the light of its discussion on May 15 (see reference memo of May 18).

4. JAPANESE PEACE TREATY ISLANDS
(Para. 3, NSC 125/4)

Origin: The Planning Board requested the Departments of State and Defense to state their respective positions by May 15 on the question of whether the U.S. should maintain the status quo in the entire group of islands mentioned in Article 3 of the Peace Treaty, or whether it should return certain of these islands to Japan.

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board on the basis of reports by the Departments of State and Defense. Tentatively scheduled for May 20, 1953.

5. UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET SATELLITE STATES IN EASTERN EUROPE (INCLUDING EAST GERMANY)
(NSC 58/2; Memo for Senior NSC Staff, March 3, 1953; Memo for Planning Board May 18, 1953; Record of Senior Staff Meeting on January 29, 1953; Record of Planning Board Meeting, April 24, 1953)

Origin: The Senior Staff agreed on January 29 to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question.

Current Status: Awaiting consideration by the Planning Board of a revised draft statement of policy prepared by State pursuant to the agreement of the Planning Board on April 24. Tentatively scheduled for May 20.

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6. U. S. CONTINENTAL DEFENSE SYSTEM

(NSC 140; ODM draft statement of policy on "Non-Military Defense", dated May 5, 1953; Memo to NSC Planning Board, dated May 8, 1953; Record of Planning Board Meeting, May 6, 1953)

Origin: The Planning Board on May 6 discussed the subject and agreed that preliminary work should be initiated within the departments and agencies concerned on existing and proposed programs, with costs in each case, in anticipation of preparation of a draft report after receipt of the report of the Special Evaluation Subcommittee (see project in Section II-C above) and the Department of Defense Ad Hoc Study Group on Continental Defense.

Current Status: Awaiting report by the Department of Defense Ad Hoc Study Group on Continental Defense. Tentatively scheduled for further Planning Board consideration on May 22.

7. UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD COMMUNIST CHINA IN THE EVENT OF A KOREAN ARMISTICE

(NSC Action No. 777-d; Record of Planning Board Meeting, May 13, 1953)

Origin: At its meeting on April 28 the Council directed the NSC Planning Board to prepare for early Council consideration a report on the above subject (NSC Action No. 777-d).

Current Status: Awaiting preparation by State of a draft report on this subject. Tentatively scheduled for consideration by the Planning Board on May 27.

8. A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM

(NSC 97, 97/2; Record of Meeting of Planning Board, April 10, 1953; Record of Meeting of Senior NSC Staff, August 16, 1951; Memos for Senior NSC Staff, July 24 and December 22, 1952, March 5 and 10, 1953; Memos for NSC Planning Board, April 6 and 30 and May 4, 1953; Memo for NSC, subject, "Suspension of Exploration Program, Naval Reserve No. 4 (Alaska)", April 8, 1953; Memo for NSC, "Security of Certain Middle East Areas", December 11, 1951; NSC Action No. 592; Record of Meeting of Senior Staff, January 27, 1953, and Meetings of Planning Board, April 10 and May 11, 1953)

Origin: Interim recommendations on the subject, prepared by the NSC Staff in response to a letter from the Secretary of Defense (NSC 97) were approved by the President upon the recommendation of the NSC as NSC 97/2.

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A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM (Cont'd)

Current Status: Awaiting revision of the financial appendix dated May 4 and related sections of a draft report (reference memo of April 30) by the Alternate ODM Member in consultation with the interested agencies pursuant to action of the Planning Board on May 11; and submission of the draft report, as amended by the Planning Board and revised by the alternate ODM Member to the Council for consideration. Tentatively scheduled for Council consideration on June 10.

9. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO THE NEAR EAST

(NSC 129/1; Memo for Senior NSC Staff, March 17, 1953; Memos for NSC Planning Board, April 14, 24, and May 4, 1953; Record of Meetings of Planning Board on April 10, 15, 27, and May 6, 1953)

Origin: The Senior Staff agreed on January 29 to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions including this policy question.

Current Status: Awaiting review by the Planning Board upon the return of the Secretary of State from the area, of the draft report dated May 4, with a view to submission of a report on the subject to the Council for consideration.

10. UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING GERMANY
(NSC Action No. 777-d)

Origin: At its meeting on April 28 the Council directed the Planning Board to prepare for early Council consideration a report on the above subject. (NSC Action No. 777-d).

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a report by State due May 29.

11. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO LATIN AMERICA
(NSC 144/1; Annex to NSC 144)

Origin: NSC 144/1, approved by the President on March 18, stated (para. 3) that its limited purpose was to define our objectives and courses of action concerning important problems common to the area; policies toward specific country situations, such as those in Argentina and Guatemala, were left for subsequent papers.

Current Status: Awaiting reports on specific country situations in Latin America from State (including especially Panama, Argentina, Guatemala, Chile, Venezuela and Brazil).

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12. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH ASIA
(NSC 98/1; Record of Senior Staff meeting on January 29, 1953)

Origin: The Senior Staff at its meeting on January 29 agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a draft report by State.

13. THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO YUGOSLAVIA
(NSC 18/2; NSC 18/6)

Origin: The Senior Staff on January 29 agreed to prepare recommendations for Council consideration on several urgent and immediate policy questions, including this policy question.

Current Status: Awaiting preparation of a draft report by State.

14. NSC 26 SERIES
(Progress Report, March 9, 1953, by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 26 Series; NSC Action No. 753)

Origin: The Council on March 25 noted the reference progress report on the subject and that the Department of State is preparing a proposed revision of this policy for Council consideration (NSC Action No. 753).

Current Status: Awaiting report by State.

15. UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO NORTH AFRICA
(Memos for Senior NSC Staff, March 4 and 16, 1953; NIE-69 and supplement; Record of Meeting of Planning Board, May 11, 1953)

Origin: Draft statement of policy and staff study prepared by State were transmitted by reference memo of March 4 for consideration by the Senior Staff.

Current Status: Awaiting revision by State, in the light of the visit of the Secretary of State to the area, of the draft report transmitted by the reference memos of March 4 and 16.

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16. UNITED STATES AND ALLIED WAR OBJECTIVES IN THE EVENT OF GLOBAL WAR

(NSC 79; Memo for NSC September 6, 1950; Records of Senior Staff meetings on September 6, 1950 and February 23, 1951; Memo for Senior Defense, JCS and CIA members, January 14, 1953)

Origin: JCS memo (NSC 79) was circulated for Council information and referred to the Staff. The Senior Staff on September 6, 1950, designated an ad hoc group to draft a report on (1) war objectives in the event of global war and (2) such related questions as a statement of the conditions the U.S. would be willing to accept for peaceful settlement with the USSR and its satellites.

Current Status: Awaiting report on the first of the above questions by an ad hoc committee (designated by State, Defense, JCS and CIA) based on its study of a preliminary draft report prepared by the Policy Planning Staff of State (reference memo of January 14).

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IV. OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS

1. ORGANIZED EVACUATION OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS IN CIVIL DEFENSE
(NSC Action No. 651; NSC 131, 131/1; Memo for NSC, June 9, 1952)

Origin: On May 16, 1952, the Deputy Federal Civil Defense Administrator requested that a policy memorandum on the subject, which the FCDA was proposing to issue for the guidance of state and local civil defense forces, be referred to the NSC for such comments or action as was deemed appropriate (circulated as NSC 131).

Current Status: Awaiting further study by the Federal Civil Defense Administration in the light of the discussion at the Council meeting on June 18, 1952.

2. BASIC NATIONAL SECURITY POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN RELATION TO THEIR COSTS
(NSC 149, 149/1, 149/2, 20/4, 68/2, 135/3, Annex to NSC 135/1, NSC 141, 142, 145; Memo for NSC, subject, "Review of Basic National Security Policies", February 6, 1953; NSC Action Nos. 776, 768 and 779)

Origin: The Council at its meetings on April 22 and 28 amended and adopted NSC 149/1 subject to certain understandings (NSC Action Nos. 776 and 768). NSC 149/1, as amended and adopted was approved by the President on April 29 and issued as 149/2. The Council adopted the reductions in the atomic energy program proposed in Part II of NSC 149/1, with the understanding that: (1) the Atomic Energy Commission will review the possibility of further reductions as a result of the elimination of the large ship reactor program and the aircraft nuclear propulsion program, pursuant to Action 768-e; (2) the Secretary of Defense will urgently review the military requirements for atomic weapons in the light of the revisions in the military program; and (3) the Atomic Energy Commission will recommend revisions in its expansion program in the light of any changes in military requirements resulting from (2) above (NSC Action No. 768-f).

Current Status: Awaiting reports from the Secretary of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission pursuant to NSC Action No. 768-f.

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3. POSSIBILITIES FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS BASED ON THAILAND
(NSC Action Nos. 780-d and 788)

Origin: The Council on May 13 (Action No. 788) noted a brief oral report on the subject by Mr. C.D. Jackson, and directed the Psychological Strategy Board to submit for Council consideration a plan for coordinated psychological operations based on Thailand.

Current Status: Awaiting a report from the Psychological Strategy Board pursuant to the above action.

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